

## **Mistletoe Heights Association Quarterly Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, February 20th, 2024 - 6:30PM

Location: WineHaus – 1628 Park Place Avenue

### **Officers Present:**

President: Graham Brizendine

Vice President: Brian Hunt (by phone)

Treasurer: Jeri Jo Blackmon

Newsletter: Elisa Rode

Secretary: Val Ewing

Attendees: 34

Guest speaker: Chad Edwards

### **OFFICER REPORTS**

Treasury: Jeri Jo Blackmon presented the treasury report and provided an update on the historic book. 189 books were pre-sold, money collected: \$11K. Additional people expressing interest in buying the book brings total to about 600-700 books. Printer: Versa Press: \$12K to 13K to print.

Newsletter: Elisa Rode reminded us that the newsletter is no longer being printed. The newsletter is being emailed to those on the MHA email group and posted on the Mistletoe Heights Facebook group.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sidewalk repair: 50/50 proposal by the city has not begun per Elizabeth Beck's office. Graham asked for a list of shared contractors and was told a homeowner can opt to use any company that is bonded.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Guest speaker: Chad Edwards, Executive Vice President of strategy, planning, and development at Trinity Metro gave an update on TEXRail extension. The project has cleared environmentally, next the focus will shift to design with 90% of the final design complete by Fall 2024 and final plans completed by years end. Coordination will involve stakeholders such as Mistletoe Heights, Baylor Scott & White All Saints Hospital, and Fort Worth & Western Railroad (FWWR). Start date: early 2025 - first phase will be the corridor (not the station) with projected completion in 2 years (2027). The TEXRail track will be built along the east side of the FWWR track and be separate from the current RR tracks. \$200M for project and will be one of the most difficult sections of the rail. Lesley Street will be realigned to meet up with 12th street permitting greater ease of vehicle movement. The designers are also considering measures to avoid traffic coming into MH neighborhood. The plan is to put in place as much permanent infrastructure as possible. They are also collaborating with the city for quiet zones and sidewalks on north side of Mistletoe with crossing gates. So far, there are no finalized thoughts on the buildings that will be part of the area; an area owned by Baylor Hospital, therefore, they will have final say. This includes how tall the buildings will be (the original plans showed 10 story buildings). The station design will be like the NORTH RICHLAND HILLS/SMITHFIELD STATION with a center platform, canopy, ticket vending machines, and seats. This concluded Chad Edwards update, and he left the meeting.

Lily B Clayton Auction donation: Motion to donate \$1025, seconded and approved.

Brian Hunt is coordinating a neighborhood cleanup event that aligns with Cowtown Great American Cleanup planned for March 23: Mistletoe Heights will be registered with the city for this event as the MH Team.

Spring break Zoo traffic update: Elizabeth Beck's office is planning to make sure the police department and staffing are on hand to mitigate traffic. Last year, these efforts seemed to help improve the flow of traffic and reduce problems. Stats: the Zoo had a recorded 88 thousand people with over 22 thousand on Wednesday. Zoo pays for 10 police officers, additional 30 were brought on last year. The FW Police Department is understaffed by 200 officers so if you get a chance, thank them for their service.

Forest Park Pool opening plans and discussion with Elizabeth Beck about a kickoff: opening day is planned for the weekend before Memorial Day. Opening event, ribbon cutting, MH and Berkeley neighborhoods invited for opening day.

Restriping of Forest Park Blvd is on the schedule for 2026.

Coffee mug fundraising - cup is \$10, cost was \$4 and the \$6 will be donated towards MH. You can reach out to one of the officers to enquire about buying a mug.

Hotel Cambria: groundbreaking has started. Mike Brennan of Southside is involved in this process and will oversee that the design is complementary to the area. The plans shown to us in the past looked appropriate and attractive.

#### **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 - 6:30 PM – Location: WineHaus

Guest Speaker will be our District 9 council rep Elizabeth Beck.

Tuesday, Aug 20th, 2024 - 6:30 PM – Location: WineHaus

Tuesday, Nov 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 - 6:30PM – Location: WineHaus

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**How to join the email list:** [www.mistletoeheights.org](http://www.mistletoeheights.org) -> left side select email list -> complete the form and submit. Note: emails are not shared or distributed publicly.

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